

Remarks:

Claims 1-32 remain for consideration in this application. Claims 33-38 have been withdrawn.

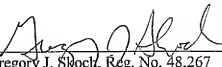
In the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect either the invention of Group I (claims 1-32) or the invention of Group II (claims 33-38) for prosecution on the merits in this application. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-32) drawing to a composition comprising a film-forming component comprising polyether polyurethane and a quantity of a tackifier resin. The Examiner did note in the Office Action, that the non-elected method claims of Group II may be rejoined provided that they include all limitations of an allowable product claim. Therefore, Applicants' withdrawal of claims 33-38 is subject to this possibility of rejoinder should a product claim be found allowable.

The Examiner also issued a species election requirement requiring Applicants to elect from among the following species: (i) different tackifier resins listed in claims 2 and 3; (ii) different solvents as the carrier listed in claim 8; and (iii) different germicidal references listed in claim 9 [*sic* 10]. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the following: for (i) aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbon resins as recited in claim 2; for (ii) ketones as listed in claim 8; and for (iii) linear or branched chain fatty acids as recited in claim 10. As the Examiner notes, all claims are currently generic.

In view of the forgoing, Applicants request favorable action on all claims pending in this application.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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